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1. FOLLOWING ARE SOME EMBASSY THOUGHTS WHICH MAY BE USEFUL AS PREPARATION GO FORWARD FOR BIJEDIC VISIT.

2. WE BELIEVE PUBLIC STATEMENTS, PRESUMABLY TOASTS EXCHANGED AT LUNCHEON AND DINNER, SHOULD REINFORCE TWO PRINCIPAL POINTS: (A) CONTINUITY OF US INTEREST IN SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENT COURSE,
AND (B) US CONFIDENCE IN YUGOSLAV POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY AND VIABILITY BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE BEEN SORELY PAINED OF LATE BY ARTICLES IN WESTERN PRESS CALLING THEIR STABILITY INTO QUESTION, AND REINFORCEMENT OF OUR VIEW ON THESE WILL BE WELCOME AND MAY HELP INDUCE YUGOSLAV RESPONSIVENESS TO OUR INTERESTS.

3. DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING BIJEDIC CONTAINS SOME SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC FIGURES, INCLUDING JANKO SMOLE, HIS FEC (CABINET) MEMBER WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHO LED THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO THE DAKAR CONFERENCE OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS. THIS WILL PROVIDE A CHOICE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS OUR POSITION ON THE DEVELOPED-DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP IN RAW MATERIALS, ENERGY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER FIELDS,
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AND TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A MEASURE OF COOPERATION IN MULTI-

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LATERIAL ECONOMIC MATTERS.

4. REGARDING APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY WE BELIEVE BIJEDIC CAN USEFULLY SEE TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON, COMMERCE SECRETARY DENT, AND EXIM BANK PRESIDENT CASEY. WE ALSO BELIEVE BIJEDIC WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER SINCE PREDOMINANT PREOCCUPATION IS DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICY AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION. DEPT MIGHT ALSO WISH TO SUGGEST THAT GRANFIL INVITE VICE PRESIDENT TO FUNCTION HE OR BIJEDIC
WILL HOST DURING VISIT. RESPONDING TO SPECIAL YUGOSLAV INTERESTS, INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT USEFULLY BE INCLUDED AT SOME POINT IN MEETINGS OR FUNCTIONS WOULD INCLUDE OPIC PRESIDENT MAYES AND THE PRESIDENT'S NEW TRADE NEGOTIATOR (SUCCESSOR TO EBERLE)
IF NAMED.

5. ON THE HILL, BIJEDIC SHOULD CALL IF POSSIBLE ON SPEAKER ALBERT (TO WHOM AN INVITATION TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA REMAINS OUTSTANDING), AND THE KIND OF AFTERNOON COFFEE SESSION WITH SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT WAS ARRANGED FOR TITO IN 1971 WOULD BE IDEAL TO EXPOSE BIJEDIC TO A RANGE OF KEY US SENATORS
IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF HOUSE FOREIGN ARRAIRS COMMITTEE. PERSONS WHO MIGHT SPECIFICALLY BE INCLUDED IN THE VISIT AT SOME POINT INCLUDE REP MARVIN L. ESCH (R-MICH) WHO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN DEPTH IN RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA DURING HIS VISIT HERE LAST MONTH (AND WHOSE WIFE IS AN ETHNIC CROATIAN), AND SEN JAMES B. PEARSON (R-KAN) WHO HAD A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT IN YUGOSLAVIA IN MARCH OF 1974. MEMBERS OF RECENT US IPU DELEGATION WERE TREATED TO CUSTOMARY YUGOSLAV HOSPITALITY AND MAY BE DESIROUS OF RECIPROCATING.
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